Subject: Abyssinian quarter bars + coinage

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Mr. Gordon MacCreagh
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Dear Mr. MacCreagh:

I wish to thank you personally for remembering our Museum while in Abyssinia. There are one or two questions I should like to ask. The two pieces of salt that you sent look to me about like quarter bars. Are these actual pieces worth at Addis Abeba, a half thaler each? You also sent several small Abyssinian copper coins, struck in Abyssinia, from dies originally intended for one-eighth thalers. As you included no eighth thalers in those you sent to us, I take it you saw none of this denomination. What fraction of a thaler, then, do these small copper coins represent? Some years ago they used a copper coin about twice the size of these, which presumably are now out of circulation. The small pieces you sent are new to me.

Trusting that some time you can pay us a visit,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.